



Proclamation

WHEREAS, May 2006, is the first national observance of Hepatitis Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, this observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize men and women, girls and boys in every community to become educated, tested, and become involved in a Hepatitis Awareness Program; and

WHEREAS, 3,638 new cases of Hepatitis C and 492 new cases of Hepatitis B among Louisiana residents were reported in 2005; and

WHEREAS, we join these national and local groups to express our strong support of their initiatives to prevent the spread of Hepatitis in our communities and provide treatment and support services for those living with hepatitis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2006, as

HEPATITIS AWARENESS DAY

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 16th day of May
A.D., 2006*

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana